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SUBJECT: FUGITIVES SURRENDER

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAS MADE SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING "FUGITIVES" WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY SURRENDERED TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. MOST RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT IN AUGUST 5 PRESS REPORT THAT 216 FUGITIVES WHO HAD BEEN HIDING IN HAIKOCH-BUTAJIRA REGION OF WESTERN SHOA SURRENDERED TO AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THIS MAKES TOTAL OF 366 FROM THAT REGION WHO HAVE SURRENDERED IN RECENT WEEKS.

2. SAME AUGUST 4 ARTICLE STATES THAT 20 LANDLORDS FROM CHEBO-GURAGE AREA IN WESTERN SHOA WHO WERE OPPOSING GOVERNMENT HAVE ALSO TURNED THEMSELVES IN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

3. PRESS SAYS FUGITIVES CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN MISLED BY MALICIOUS RUMORS SPREAD BY REACTIONARY ELEMENTS. FUGITIVES DECIDED TO SURENDER AND RESUME THEIR NORMAL LIVES AFTER REALIZING THAT RURAL LAND PROCLAMATION SERVES INTEREST OF "OPPRESSED MASSES" OF THE ETHIOPIAN

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PEOPLE.

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST INCLUDING ONE FROM A TRUCK DRIVER WHO ALLEGED THAT HE SAW A LARGE NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED POLICEMEN ALONG JIMMA ROAD IN AREA OF GHION (WOLISO). DRIVER STATED THAT SEVERAL DEAD POLICEMEN WERE STRAPPED ON TOP OF HIS COFFEE LOAD TO BE CARRIED INTO ADDIS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL SOFT REPORTS THAT EPMG USING AIRPOWER AGAINST DISSIDENTS.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE EXTENT OF CURRENT FIGHTING, IF ANY, IN THESE TWO REGIONS. AS TO FUGITIVES WHO HAVE SURRENDERED, FACTS MAY BE AS GOVERNMENT CLAIMS. HOWEVER, THE HIGH NUMBERS SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY SIMPLY BE CIVILIANS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FIGHTING.  
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